matters related to the environmental aspect of Narmada Project as per his assurance given during the discussion on a statement laid by him in the House on 19th November, 1986 wherein he had assured that matters related to environment would be disposed of within a period of three months;

(b) by when the said project is likely to be cleared by his Ministry; and

(c) what demands have been put forth by other affected States and on what points discussions have been held with them and what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) All projects where complete information is furnished on environmental and forestry aspects are decided within a maximum period of three months. For Narmada Project complete details are not yet available.

(b) Though the preliminary details have been provided on Rehabilitation, Catchment Area Treatment, Command Area Development and Compensatory Afforestation, detailed Action Plans are yet to be worked out by the Project Authorities. The question of clearance of the Narmada Sagar Project is under consideration in the context of all the environmental impacts.

(c) Discussions have been held with the Project authorities in the affected States to make rehabilitation, compensatory afforestation and other environmental aspects integral parts of the project.

Foreign Tourists

825. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of foreign tourists who visited the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what position is expected by the end of the current financial year;

(c) whether the flow of foreign tourists has been rising or declining during these years;

(d) what steps are being taken to attract more foreign tourists and increase foreign exchange earnings therefrom; and

(e) what are the details of facilities for tourists being improved at different tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The foreign tourist traffic to India, excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, during 1983-84 to 1986-87 along with percentage change is as given below:—

	Number	%Change
1983-84	905,980	4.7
1984-85	801,336	-11.6
1985-86	899,754	12.3
1986-87	1108,000(E)	23.1

(E): — Estimated

(d) The steps taken by the Government to increase the foreign tourist traffic to India include vigorous publicity campaigns with emphasis on consumer advertising, stepping up of public relations with overseas media agencies, tour operators and travel agencies, promotion of special interest tourism and marketing India in segments, launching of off-season schemes and promotional schemes like "Affordable India" and 'India on the House', development of infrastructural facilities and transport systems, including charter traffic, etc.

(e) Accommodation and transport facilities are being improved in different tourist spots jointly with

the State Governments. Beautification and flood lighting of monuments and creation of wayside facilities are also being taken-up for the benefit of the tourists.

Indian visitors to Mauritius

826. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Mauritius Government to allow Indian visitors to that country to spend Indian rupees there; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's views on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Mauritius has proposed that Government of India may allocate a certain amount in Indian Rupees to the intending Indian tourists going to Mauritius. Government has not found it possible to agree to the convertibility of Indian Rupees in Mauritius.

Steps to end apartheid

827. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, while inaugurating the International Youth Conference against apartheid on January 8, 1987, he called for quick and hard action by the international community to compel the Pretoria regime to end apartheid by forcing that regime to talk to black people in this regard; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of different nations thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The International Youth Conference against apartheid, organised by Indian Youth Congress (I), was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on January 8, 1987. The Confernce adopted a comprehensive Programme of Action in support of struggle against apartheid and for the liberation of South Africa.

(b) A large number of delegates from many countries attended the Conference. The Programme of Action adopted at the end of the Conference is an indication of their resolve and total support for the elimination of apartheid in South Africa.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Criminal Courts and Security Guard Courts (Adjustment of Jurisdiction) Rules, 1987

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 139 of the National Security Guard Act, 1986, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification S.O. No. 24(E), dated the 21st January, 1987, publishing the Criminal Courts and Security Guard Courts (Adjustment of Jurisdiction) Rules, 1987. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3711/87].

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